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Prior Applications: JP2002-123295, JAPAN, 25 APRIL 2002 .....

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we,

**Masayuki SUZUKI, Eigo NAKASHIMA, Toshikazu SUZUKI and Takahiro SUZUKI**

being the inventors of certain improvements in

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hereby assign unto

**KABUSHIKI KAISHA SUZUTORA**

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our entire right, title and interest in and to such invention, together with the patent rights and rights of protection to the same throughout the world, including any patent rights which may result from the application for United States Letters Patent executed on even date herewith and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent that may be granted thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee for its own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term from which said Letters Patent or other rights of protection may be granted, as fully and as entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Masayuki Suzuki  
Masayuki SUZUKI

April 25, 2003

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